GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for foreign investment in higher education and allowing foreign institutions to establish their centers in India;

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard;

(c) the details of proposals suggested or on the anvil regarding public-private partnership models, if any, in higher education, State-wise and category-wise as on date; and

(d) the steps initiated/to be initiated on such proposals/programmes as on date, category-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): By virtue of Press Note 2 (2000 Series) dated the 11th February 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% on the automatic route in the Education Sector, subject to notified Sectoral policy and equity caps. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) already has regulations in place for the entry and operation of foreign universities/institutes imparting technical education in India. A legislative proposal for regulation of entry and operation of foreign educational institutions in India is under consideration of the Government.

(c) & (d): The University Grants Commission has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. K.B.Powar, former Secretary General of Association of Indian Universities, to formulate the Action Plan for identifying various modes of public-private participation to promote higher education.